

Dear Gary,

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Although page-~~lined~~^{ed}, the story in the local paper wasn't much. I enclose it.

I was glad to get your evaluation of the show as your station picked it up from the satellite because it was not my ~~own~~ own. And my own was based on what was satellited from here to New York. Which is not what I saw on WBAL-TV, Channel 11.

I got a similar evaluation from Roger Weinman, who said that the White fabrication had been getting heavy TV play in New York.

Unless what was sent ^hat you saw included what was not in what I saw, the enclosed story refers to what was transmitted from here and was not on the show as aired by 11. I do assume that only one show ^{was} aired. The ^{new} reporter and photographer were the only audience here. They heard what I said and was sent. Roger perceived the editing immediately, although he had no idea what had been filmed.

I'm glad I learned long ago to begin any confrontation with what the other side cannot face or address. I had a half-dozen or more places in the AP copy marked but had picked the one I used ~~out~~ as the one with which to begin. It is not easy to edit the beginning out! *And I was not aired in anything else.*

These people took up our day until 3 p.m. for the losy one minute plus or me they aired! So I'm glad you and Roger thought it was effective.

They were not Inside Story staff. The technical crew was by a company that has its own satellite truck and if the reporter was not from them she also was not from any D.C. TV station that we look at. I have no idea why they included her because although she was a pleasant woman she did nothing at all. Except get lunch for that crew, after I said I'd order it by phone, to which she said she'd ~~apssed~~ ^{apssed} some places coming here and would like to go get it. She included us out. We had a sandwich after they left, close to supper-time. Never had that experience before with any of the many TV crews that have been here.

I asked, before they started filming, if they were going to go for the whole half-hour, saying clearly that I wanted to know so I could pace myself. The answer I got was not merely an affirmative. I was told that you don't buy expensive satellite time not to use all of it.

But I wasn't told anything about what they planned until we were on the satellite and the New York producer or moderator told me he'd been with two questions and that I was to feel free to interrupt. The impression was that after those two questions it would be a dialogue. So, I was quite surprised to find myself being cut off after less than the half-hour and was stunned to see how little was aired. Particularly because of the terrible news judgement reflected by those who air what is ostensibly an "inside story" news show. Given the attention the story had gotten they could have had a sensational show to air and I'm confident that before it was over the Whites would have fled from the Sallas camera.

~~XXX~~ It was scheduled for 4 p.m. on WRC-TV, Channel 4, D.C. That is after you called. That airing was delayed by an Iraq special and when they ~~statetd~~ ^{started} to air the show they did not have the opening. It wasn't even identified. I was being aired with the first thing I said when that was pre-empted by what is hot news in D.C., the developments with the jury in the Barry case. With Barry the indicted mayor, that was top news. And the Barry interruption ran the rest of the hour and into the slot of the 5 p.m. news.

A little before five, which was after the initial airing of the show, I got an excited call from New York, a production woman on the show named Neala. With my impaired hearing - never got her last name. We had talked a number of times, she knew what - could say and what had been sent up and apparently what I'd told Joanne, the reporter, because she said what they aired was great and that the top brass on the show, both of whom happened to walk past while they were getting it initially from the satellite, had been excited and thought it was wonderful. Apparently the producer was not aware of that! In any event, she said she was going to propose an entire show on me. I don't expect it and won't do it under similar conditions. Lil was inhibited most of the day, we couldn't even

eat and I have medications to take at regular intervals with food, it took just about all of my day, and I think for very little in return.

I have a fair amount on White and his fabrications that I cannot use because it was confidential when given to me. But I do have the AP copy from a Walt. "un friend" and I look forward to getting the copies of the Dallas papers you said you'd send and if they want to go ahead I'll be better prepared with the Dallas stories.

I'm sorry - don't now know anyone on the Dallas papers or I could give them an expose I think they'd love.

Neala did tell me something I did not hear. That could be because it was before they had me on the satellite or because it was after they cut me off it. Mrs. White said "We've been set up." That impressed her. I am inclined to think it was after they stopped the satellite at this end, when she had more reason to think that. In part this is because they got the White's agreement in advance to face me. Or someone not identified to them.

I was surprised at the reflection I got of the show's audience. Not by any means a meaningful reflection, don't misunderstand me.

although there are usually more walkers than those who were at the mall where I walk early mornings, there were about a ^{dozen} ~~dozen~~ this morning. Four of them mentioned having seen the show, three on the Baltimore station. and although the circulation of the lousy local paper is excellent, only one person mentioned seeing the story on the front page, four columns wide.

Please send me also what you have on the Shaw/West appearance before the gathering of the legal investigators. West sent me their advance press release only. I wrote and asked for copies of their prepared remarks and of any tape they have of those proceedings and I've had no reply of any kind. I want this for archival purposes only.

Thanks again for your call. It made me feel better when I was quite upset.

best,

Sam